

IN TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE
HALEY AND NORMA LAGO-
MARSINO

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Norma Lagomarsino and the late Katherine "Kay" Haley, who were honored recently by the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association for their decades of philanthropic work in Ventura County.

Norma Lagomarsino is the wife of former U.S. Rep. Bob Lagomarsino and a true force in making Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties strong, vibrant communities. I am blessed to have Bob Lagomarsino as one of my trusted mentors and to have Bob and Norma count as among my wife, Janice, and my closest friends.

Norma Lagomarsino has been a member of the Congressional Club in Washington, D.C., since 1974 and served as its president from 1981–1983. Among her many community activities, Norma Lagomarsino serves on the Santa Cruz Island Foundation Advisory Council, is a long-standing member of the Assistance League, is a member of the Board of Directors for Interface Children and Family Services and the National Institute of Mental Health, and was honored as a "Champion of Mental Health" by the Turning Point Foundation.

Norma and Bob also are major donors to California State University, Channel Islands, where they created the Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino Archives. They also co-chair the San Buenaventura Mission School Building Campaign.

Kay Haley, another longtime friend, was born in the Ventura County city of Oxnard to Walter H. Hoffman Jr. and Edith Hobson Hoffman, who owned Rancho Casitas, a thoroughbred breeding farm. As an adult, Kay Haley raised champion shorthorn cattle and quarter horses on her own ranch, Rancho Mi Solar. Her most famous horse, Mr. Spats, was Ronald Reagan's favorite mount.

Kay Haley had a long relationship with President Reagan, having raised funds for him during his campaigns for California governor and president. In addition to raising funds for President Reagan and other Republicans, Kay raised many thousands of dollars for the Ventura County Museum of History and Art and served on Community Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees for 30 years.

In 1986, she was given the Milton M. Teague Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. She was grand marshal of the Ventura County Fair parade in 1987.

When Ronald Reagan was governor, Haley was appointed vice chairwoman of the California State Fair Board, vice president of the board of directors of Cal Expo and served as founding chairwoman of California's Racing Hall of Fame. After eight decades of life and service, Kay passed away in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and me in honoring the philanthropic and voluntary contributions of Norma Lagomarsino and Kay Haley and in thanking them for making our community vibrant and strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded as voting for final passage of H.R. 3 on May 4, 2011. I am a cosponsor of this bill and would have voted for final passage of the bill.

HONORING SHARON K. FAWCETT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sharon K. Fawcett, the Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, who is retiring after more than 34 years of outstanding public service to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

On February 28, 2011, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to highlight the importance of our presidential libraries to our nation's history. Following the hearing, I was pleased to host a luncheon and symposium to further discuss how we can ensure these national treasures can be preserved efficiently. Ms. Fawcett was instrumental in helping to make that day productive and successful and her insight at the symposium added a tremendous amount of knowledge to our discussion.

Her love and commitment to the Presidential Library system developed at an early age: she was born in Abilene, Kansas in a house that is now part of the campus of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. In 1969, Ms. Fawcett started working at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. After raising her young children, she returned to the National Archives in Washington, DC, to be Chief of the Reference Service Branch and later the Director of User Services. In these jobs she was responsible for the overall planning, development, direction, coordination, staffing and control of all research rooms in both the National Archives building in downtown Washington, DC, and at Archives II, NARA's state-of-the-art facility in College Park, Maryland. She returned to the Office of Presidential Libraries in 1997.

Ms. Fawcett has served as Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for the past seven years and as Deputy Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for seven years before that. In both roles she led the Library system in the development of award-winning educational programs, web sites, and exhibits. Under her leadership, the Libraries continued to open key Presidential materials—such as the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon tape recordings—that help the public understand Presidents and Presidential decision-making. The multi-library conferences on such topics as Vietnam and the Nuclear Age have become a mainstay of C-SPAN programming. She also developed innovative initiatives to start staffing early for a Presidential Library, and to add additional staffing for the newer Presidential Record Act Libraries to try to meet the growing demand for their records. When she re-

turned to Presidential Libraries in 1997, there were no women serving as library directors and almost no representation by minorities in library positions. She pursued a goal of building a more representational work force in the libraries, hiring a more diverse and representative workforce.

I congratulate Sharon K. Fawcett for her dedication in building strong and productive relationships with a variety of stakeholders that includes the White House, Congress, and Presidential Library foundations. I thank her for her service to the National Archives and to the Nation and I wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3 and the ongoing Republican war against women's health care in America. H.R. 3 continues the Tea Party Republican's extreme social agenda to pursue unprecedented attacks on women's health and economic security.

The Republican majority passed H.R. 1 and slashed billions of dollars from programs that allow women to provide and care for their families such as Head Start, Women, infants and children (WIC), Community Service Block Grants (CSBG), and the Maternal and Child Block Grant. Clearly their efforts targeted vulnerable women and their children—people who do not have high-paid, high-powered lobbyists, as the victims of budget cuts.

Their bill H.R. 2 repealed the Affordable Care Act, which ensures women have greater access to affordable health coverage and recommended preventative care. The Republican repeal of the Affordable Care Act would strip 32 million Americans of health insurance coverage, again making families vulnerable.

Now, H.R. 3 seeks to place unprecedented restrictions on a woman's ability to receive and pay for a legal medical procedure. This Republican bill places the federal government directly between a woman and her doctor.

H.R. 3 is not about "codifying the Hyde Amendment" as my colleagues have stated. Federal law already prohibits even a single federal dollar from being used to pay for abortion services, except in the cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Instead, this legislation furthers a radical agenda that seeks to limit a woman's right to access comprehensive reproductive medical care.

Exploiting the federal tax code for ideological purposes, this bill enacts new restrictions on a woman's ability to pay for legal medical services with private insurance, a health savings account, or private funds. A responsible small business owner that includes comprehensive reproductive care in their company's insurance policy will be denied their federal health care tax credit. A survivor of rape or incest may have to prove to an IRS agent with a detailed account of her brutalization in order to use her health savings account to pay for the procedure or qualify for an itemized medical deduction on her taxes.

These restrictions allow politicians and IRS bureaucrats to influence medical decisions that should be made by a woman, her physician, family, and often with support and guidance from a spiritual leader. I strongly oppose any effort in Congress that creates government interference with private decisions that should be made between a doctor and a patient. I strongly oppose this war on women in America that threatens our freedoms and our rights.

Instead of focusing on this divisive agenda, we should be focusing on policies that will improve the lives of America's women and girls such as addressing the quality of women's health care, fighting gender discrimination, increasing economic opportunities, and providing them with the education and support to succeed.

I encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill and fight to keep safe, comprehensive reproductive and family planning services accessible to all Americans.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MAYOR RALPH J. PERK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk, the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland, as he is posthumously inducted into ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame.

Mayor Perk was born on January 19, 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio to Mary and Joseph Perk. He attended elementary school at Our Lady of Lourdes School. After earning his high school diploma, Mayor Perk studied history, political science and mathematics at Case Western Reserve University and St. John College. Throughout his adolescence Ralph worked as a pattern maker and later an ice peddler with his brother, George, at Perk Coal & Ice Co. In 1940, Perk married Lucille Gagliardi; they had seven children and were together for 59 years.

At the age of 20, Perk joined the 13th Ward Republican Club and in 1953 was elected as the ward's council member. During his five terms as the Broadway-E.55th Street councilman, Perk organized the American Nationalities Movement, an agency that represents 35 ethnic and nationality groups. Mayor Perk was an outspoken proponent of human rights and is well known for his celebration of cultural diversity. In 1962, Perk was elected as Cuyahoga County Auditor, and became the first Republican elected to county office since the 1930s. He was reelected twice and served as a county official until 1970.

Mayor Perk became the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland in 1971 and was reelected in 1973 and 1975. While in office Mayor Perk was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, the Office of International Trade at Cleveland's City Hall and the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Republican Mayors caucus. After serving as the Mayor of Cleveland, in 1978, Mr. Perk began a consulting business, Ralph Perk & Associates Inc. Mayor Perk was a political figure and prominent busi-

nessman in the City of Cleveland until his death on April 21, 1999.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk as he is celebrated at ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame ceremony.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL KENT A. D. CLARK'S 24
YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NA-
TION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Clark will retire from active military duty in May 2011 after 24 distinguished years of service to the United States Army and of those years over 43 months were spent in combat.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark is a resident of Florida and entered the United States Army in April 1987. He entered the Army and while serving his first enlistment decided to pursue a career in the United States Army by entering the Special Forces. He has served in every enlisted leadership position through the rank of Sergeant First Class and then pursued a career as a Commissioned Officer by attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, It has been a pleasure to work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Kent Clark over the last several years of his career. He has proven himself to be a tremendous wartime leader who demonstrated unselfish devotion to the Nation and the soldiers he led. He has been a friend and trusted advisor to my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee as he worked tirelessly to restore balance to a force stressed by the demands of the war on terrorism. He was instrumental in significantly improving our Armed Forces equipment modernization and funding of critical systems affecting the Department of Defense while he served here on Capitol Hill. In 2010 Kent went back to the United States Army and Represented the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army as a liaison officer with the United States Congressional Appropriations Committees for Defense and Military Construction. Prior to his retirement he was the principal point of contact for Members of Congress and staff on matters concerning the Wheel Track Combat Vehicle Program, Brigade Combat Team Modernization, and Other Procurement Army One & Three Appropriations; He provided direct interface between Congress and the Army; Integrated the Office of the Chief Army Reserve staff and Congress for all United States Army Reserve related issues and questions; Gathered information, prepared strategies and recommended Army positions for corresponding with the Congress on appropriation issues; Organized briefings and responded to requests for information across all appropriations for Congressional Members, their staff and Professional Staff Members; Coordinated Congressional travel for fact-finding opportunities

and education on Army programs. The impact of his efforts will benefit the United States Army for decades to come.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark's observations and advice to the Army leadership have impacted the decisions to implement the most comprehensive transformation of the Army since World War II, building versatile and modular units capable of conducting a full-spectrum of operations. This Commissioned Officer has continued the traditions of the United States Army and is an American hero who has been selfless in his service to the Nation through war, peace, and personal trial. His performance and accomplishments throughout his long and distinguished career have left a legacy of trained, disciplined professional leaders at all levels and care for families that is without equal. When history looks back at this leader and his legacy it will be clear that his abilities as a trainer, leader, advisor, Commander and Soldier produced the best Army in the world.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Nicole, and his daughter Kaitlyn Grace all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge St. Raphael Catholic School, located in Garden City, Michigan, as they celebrate 75 years of commitment to the education of the youth of our community and our country.

Established in 1936 upon land generously donated by Ms. Florence Cowperthwaite, the meeting hall which became the first school was built using primarily donated materials, contributions and volunteer labor. The original windows were donated by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent. Undoubtedly, this demonstrates a literal truth; it is the people who build a parish.

Father Anthony Kirchner, the second pastor of the fledgling St. Raphael the Archangel parish, led the effort to convert the hall into a four-room school. Again, the labor and materials used were largely donated. The IHM sisters could no longer stay on and the Sisters of St. Francis agreed to take on responsibility for the school. They have remained diligent in their commitment. As the parish and the community grew, additional school buildings were built in 1950 and 1956. In its 75-year history, St. Raphael's School has grown from a converted hall serving a handful of students to a campus with a capacity of 500.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years St. Raphael School has provided a Catholic education for students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students, parents, faculty and alumni of St. Raphael Catholic and in recognizing their years